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TO USMISSION GENEVA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG UNHCR

SUBJECT: UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REF: GENEVA 1230

1. REQUEST MISSION CONVEY TO UNHCR USG'S CONCERN THAT HOLDING UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SESSION IN KAMPALA WOULD LEND DIGNITY AND PRESTIGE TO A GOVERNMENT WHICH THROUGH ITS ACTIVITIES HAS CREATED MULTIPLICITY OF PROBLEMS IN REFUGEE FIELD (NOTABLY PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM EXPULSION OF UGANDA ASIANS) AND WHICH HAS SUCH POOR RECORD IN HUMAN RIGHTS. USG WONDERS WHETHER THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN GIVEN SUFFICIENT CONSIDERATION BY AGENCY AND BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

2. MISSION SHOULD ALSO EXPRESS US CONCERN AS INDICATED ABOVE TO GENEVA PERMREP OF UK AND AS APPROPRIATE TO PERMREPS OF OTHER MEMBERS OF UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WITH VIEW TO DISCOURAGING HOLDING OF NEXT SESSION OF COMMITTEE AT KAMPALA.

3. USG RECOGNIZES THAT UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS INTERNATIONAL BODY WHICH HAS RECEIVED FORMAL SUGGESTION FROM GOU THAT NEXT SESSION OF COMMITTEE BE HELD IN KAMPALA AND
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THAT COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED UNHCR TO EXPLORE THE VARIOUS

PRACTICAL ASPECTS ENTAILED IN CONSULTATION WITH MEMBER

GOVERNMENTS AND UNITED NATIONS SERVICES CONCERNED. THERE-
FORE KELLOGG, AS CHAIRMAN OF UNHCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
UNTIL OCTOBER 1975, HAS SIGNED LETTER TO UGANDAN MINISTER
OF CULTURE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND IS PREPARED TO
SIGN THE PROPOSED LETTER TO GOVERNMENTS MEMBERS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. INGERSOLL

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